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Enclosed for filing is the non-provisional patent application of Leonard A. Weisbeck, III for VEHICLE BED EXTENSION DEVICE, including the Declaration and a check for \$385 for the filing fee (no excess claims) at the small entity rate. Applicant claims small entity status.

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NONPUBLICATION REQUEST UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)	First Named Inventor <u>Leonard A. Weisbeck, III</u>	
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